

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the above-identified Office Action, Applicant has amended the application and respectfully request reconsideration thereof.

*Amendment of Claims*

Claim 1 has been amended to include subject matter corresponding to that of cancelled claim 5. A similar amendment to each of claims 12, 26 and 36, responsive to the Office Action, has placed the respective claims in condition for allowance.

Claim 25 has been amended to include the word "and."

Claim 12 has been amended to include the word "environment."

Claims 5, 15 and 28 have been canceled without prejudice.

Claim 38 is new (e.g., system claim 36 rewritten in Beauregard form).

*Response to Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102*

Claims 1-4, 8, 12-14, 19, 21, 26, 27, 29, 30, 32, 36 and 37 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,026,402 (hereinafter Vossen).

Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-4, 8, 12-14, 19, 21, 26, 27, 29, 30, 32, 36 and 37 should not be rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) for the reason that Vossen does not disclose each and every limitation of the claim 1 of the present application.

To anticipate a claim, the reference must teach every element of the claim.

"A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference."

Claim 1, as amended, includes the following limitation:

categorizing each application installed on the computer as authorized or not authorized to modify the protected execution environment.

The Examiner states in the "Allowable Subject Matter" section of the Office Action that claim 5 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening base claim.

Responsive to the above-mentioned statement in the Office Action, claim 1 has been rewritten to include dependent claim 5.

Independent claims 12, 26 and 36 each include a limitation corresponding substantially to the above-discussed limitations of claim 1. The above remarks are accordingly also applicable to a consideration of these independent claims. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the above remarks and amendments contained herein also be considered when examining these other independent claims for allowability.

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As dependent claims are deemed to include all limitation of claims from which they depend, the rejection of claims 3-4, 8, 13-14, 19, 21, 27, 29, 30, 32 and 37 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) is also addressed by the above remarks, and the amendments contained herein.

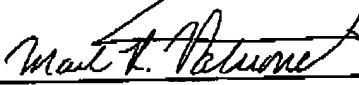
In summary, Applicant believes that all rejections presented in the Office Action have been fully addressed and withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested. Applicant furthermore believes that all claims are now in a condition for allowance, which is earnestly solicited.

If there are any additional charges, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666. If a telephone interview would in any way expedite the prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact Mark Vatuone at (408) 947-8200.

Respectfully submitted,

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